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At a recent OC Management Workshop, a question was raised regarding the process for determining Panel O assignments. The following addresses this issue and is being provided to assist in clarifying current Panel O procedure. The DD/CO, as Chairman of Panel O, solicits input from the OC Division Chiefs who comprise the Panel O Assignment Panel. It must be kept in mind that there are a number of Panel N and D personnel also assigned to Panel O positions. Therefore, additional input into the assignment process comes from other OC Panel Chiefs who work closely with the DD/CO and regularly provide suggestions, information, and other support as needed. The DD/CO often confers with both groups to discuss particular assignments prior to arriving at assignment decisions. While the DD/CO determines specific Panel O assignments, the D/CO reviews all Panel O assignments and provides the final approval. I realize the above is a thumbnail sketch of the Panel O process. If anyone requires greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact AMD or the Front Office.

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A "bullet" list of OC's most significant FY-86 Accomplishments has been prepared for forwarding to the DDA for possible use by the DCI during Congressional hearings on the Agency's FY-87 budget.

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25X1	detailee to the National Communications System, attended a two-day conference on 20-21 August, sponsored by the Director for Operations (J-3), Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Pentagon. A working group convened to consider remedial action for critique items which resulted from the recent Federal/Military Command Post Exercise "PRESENT ARMS 86." There were no OC equities involved in any of the critique's action items.
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25X1	2. A meeting was held on 15 August for the purpose of creating a Panel N Advisory Board. The Board will provide a mechanism for senior Panel N'ers to participate in the management of Panel N. When formalized, the group will consist of several TCM-4 Panel N senior managers. Initially, (Panel N Career Management Officer) will serve as the Chairman. It is anticipated that meetings will be held monthly to address Panel N topics to include Banding, recruitment, retaining personnel, assignments, "tech burn-out", new administrative procedures, and other relative topics.
25X1 25X1	3. AMD's Security Officer has portable travel locks available for loan to TDY travellers. These items are highly recommended during hotel room occupancy to enhance your personal security while traveling, particularly in the overseas environment. For those who wish to purchase the locks themselves, the EAA Store at Headquarters sells them for less than \$2.00, or a more expensive variety is available at

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(1	4. The final session of the managerial training courses for domestically assigned OC officers was held from 18-22 August. Over 300 students have been trained
(1	by theteam since February. Similar training for OC field officers will begin in September.
(1	5. Technical Class 5-86 completed Phase I training during the reporting period and an appropriate graduation ceremony was held on 22 August.
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	 A detailed statement of the mission and functions of
	the overseas COMSEC staffs was sent to all Area Headquarters. It delineated, in general terms, the respective responsibilities of the COMSEC staffs and the various security specialists of OS.
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1. Recent Phase I activities of the Field Acceptance Test and Cutover process for the MERCURY Packet Switch System included implementation and testing of the new configuration database. The new, larger database contains two 64-line nodes and two 32-line nodes, and the associated profiles and configurations to conduct operational testing of interfaces and functions in an environment which closely emulates that of the OC/OIT telecommunications network.

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- 3. A new release of the OPSCOM Communications Terminal (OCT--a simplified version of the ICT software) has been developed and released. This new version will allow a receiving terminal to automatically respond with a message which tells the sending terminal that a message was received and stored on disk.
- 4. Printing of the ICT Operator Manuals has been completed and the manuals have been placed into stock.
- 5. The engineering test and evaluation of the LRM-4 is back on track. The unit will be demonstrated this week to interested parties. This device provides an async serial data format with control lines included in the serial format thus allowing KG-84 encipherment of all data and controls.

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